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Summary

One bright morning, Daphne Blake serves as the guest host of C-SPAN's Washington Journal, and she brings in two guests (Princess Rapunzel, CEO of the Corona Foundation and Mara, chief weapons specialist for Renegade Services) to talk about the brutal Israeli bombing of Gaza. While some callers are openly hostile toward the guests, others are more favorable, with Daphne, Rapunzel, and Mara having to find their way through the morass and make their viewpoints heard, even if they don't always agree with what each other has to say.

Notes

The title is inspired by a December 12 discussion held by The Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People (otherwise known as CEIRPP) at the U.N. headquarters on legal implications of Israel's brutal bombing of Gaza, "applicability of key legal frameworks including those that define genocide…[and] the international community's responsibility to uphold international law, including its duty to prevent the recurrence of forced displacement, ethnic cleansing, and uprooting of Palestinians from the Gaza Strip and the rest of the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem."

I thought about it a lot and decided to do a Washington Journal like format, primarily with text, following the format of the wonderful fic "sorry, English isn't my first language", while removing the inane and unnecessary political boxes they throw people into. Considering that according to a recent poll, many Republicans, men, adults over 55, and White adults (read White men) "approve of Israel's military actions in Gaza," while over 60% of Democrats, adults under 35, and people of color, a slight majority of women, disapprove. I had the callers reflect that (I chose some of the cities with the largest percentage of White people to represent the Zionists here, to reflect the above-mentioned poll, and the same for those who had more moderate and critical views, with cities with large percentages of "people of color," as Gallup defines it, shown as other anonymous callers). The Zionist comments from some of the callers were adapted from Zionist comments I got in response to my last fic. I decided to make Rapunzel more moderate and Mara more radical / revolutionary.

Comments are welcome and appreciated. However, I will not accept the whims of certain people telling me I am "wrong" on this topic. Negative comments will not be published.

Update on 12/13/24: I cross-posted this on Squidge World and posted the revised version here. It was also, later, posted on Wattpad.

See the end of the work for more notes

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Daphne Blake (DB): Good morning! Welcome to *Washington Journal*. Today we'll be talking about the Israel-Gaza War. We have two guests with us today: Princess Rapunzel, CEO of the Corona Foundation and Mara, chief weapons specialist for Renegade Services.

DB: Let's open the phone lines. Caller from Burlington, Vermont, you're on the air.

There was static and no reply.

DB: Good morning. Can you hear me?

Anonymous Caller #1: Yes. Thanks for accepting my call. I watch this show every day and am glad to be a part of this national conversation. I have one thing to say: This damn war started because Hamas murdered a bunch of people! I hope that registers in the fucking noggin of your guests!...I have to say, you…

The call was cut off, and none too soon.

DB: We apologize for the strong language used by the last caller. We *will not* tolerate any threats toward our guests. Let me start with Ms. Rapunzel. What's your response to the last caller?

Princess Rapunzel (PR): I, of course, condemn all violence and murder. My kingdom, Corona, would never kill anyone *without* just cause. In the case of this conflict, we must consider the context for why Hamas began this invasion from Gaza in the first place. The caller was missing that, if I must say.

DB: Ms. Mara, do you have anything to add?

Mara: I take a much stronger stand than Ms. Rapunzel. Oppressed people have every right to defend themselves, even with armed force if necessary. Frantz Fanon said as much in *The Wretched of the Earth,* writing that "whatever the greatest expression, decolonization is always a violent event" and is a "historical process" which reeks of "red-hot cannonballs and bloody knives." Hamas would never have invaded from the Gaza Strip if *the Zionist state* hadn't been keeping Palestinians penned up in a concentration camp and oppressing Palestinians, more broadly, under a racist apartheid system. *Undoubtedly*, this is genocide. Anyone who doesn't see that has ingested too much Zionist bullcrap.

DB: Ok. Let's go to our next caller from Portland, Maine. You're on the air.

Anonymous Caller #2: Thanks for accepting my call. I have to strongly disagree with Ms. Mara. She's a gullible goof who is crying about Israel being "oppressive" while dick-sucking the Hamas regime! It's disgraceful for *Washington Journal* to have her on!

DB: Again, we must apologize for the last caller. We want to allow all perspectives here. But we *will not* tolerate homophobic remarks directed at our guests. Ms. Mara, since that was directed at you, would you like to respond?

Mara laughed heartily. She knew there would be Zionists, but didn't expect homophobia.

Mara: If anyone is gullible, it is the White men, college graduates, and Republicans who favor the Gaza genocide carried out by murderous Zionists. There is no doubt in my mind about that. It's not my business, in the slightest, to decide whether Hamas is "right" or "wrong" for Palestinians. They can decide that for *themselves*. When it comes to homophobia, the caller must have forgotten that there's mixed legality of homosexual relationships in occupied Palestine, compared to the pinkwashing by this illegitimate Zionist state to fend off criticism of how it constantly violates Palestinian human rights!

PR: Can I jump in here?

Daphne nodded.

PR: I am much more moderate on this than Ms. Mara. I think Israel should comply with international law, including the numerous U.N. resolutions which have called for a ceasefire. At the very least, the U.S. should stop vetoing and blocking U.N. Security Council resolutions trying to bring this conflict to an end. That is utterly shameful.

DB: We have another caller, from Manchester, New Hampshire. You're on the air.

Anonymous Caller #3: I'm glad to be on here so I can speak truth to power. Ms. Mara is a bigot. She believes that Zionist Jews are bad, while non-Israeli Jews are good. The hate crimes happening now are because people like her believe Israel is committing genocide. She is doing the world a disservice, is trying to weasel her way out of admitting she is hurting Jews, and wants to portray herself as a 'good guy'. Instead, people like her are shitheads who believe anything Hamas says no matter what, and downplays their actions.

DB: Again, we *must apologize* for our last caller and their offensive language. Ms. Mara, would you like to respond to the last caller?

Mara nodded.

Mara: Yes, I would. There seems to be a lot of callers this morning which are making similar arguments. I firmly believe that the murderous Zionist state is committing genocide. The caller must forget in 1950, that very state ratified the Genocide Convention. In the law ratifying this treaty, they defined genocide as killing or seriously injuring (physically or mentally) members of any national, ethnic, racial, or religious group with the intent to destroy the group completely or partially; inflicting conditions of life on the group to bring about its physical annihilation, imposing measures to prevent births, and forcibly transferring children of said to group to another group. The same law said those guilty are punishable with death, or in some circumstances, a prison term of up to 10 years. This should be imposed upon the current government with post-haste!

PR: On this, I can agree with Mara. Israeli actions clearly are war crimes. There should be a case brought before the International Criminal Court (ICC). We need to trust the international institutions to do the right thing and to pressure them if they do not do so.

DB: We have a caller from Cheyenne, Wyoming. You are on the air.

Anonymous Caller #4: Thank you for taking my call. I have to say that any form of racism is bad, *even* against White people. Being racist against them is as bad as against anyone else. Furthermore, so many more Palestinians have died because Israel had military superiority and Hamas used people as human shields. They don't care about civilians! Both sides have committed war crimes. Jewish people have been hated for so long and the media is against them! There's videos of Hamas attacks on…

The caller was cut off. Daphne had enough of them. She was getting tired of these damn Zionists.

DB: Once again, we apologize for our last caller. Ms. Mara and Ms. Rapunzel, what's your response to the last caller, who had…a passionate view.

PR: The caller makes a valid point about war crimes. Human rights organizations have said that they were committed by both sides. The Corona Foundation *agrees* with those claims. We also agree with the premise that Israel has military superiority. However, being critical of Israel is not anti-Semitism, despite what the U.S. Congress declared. That is a clear myth that must be dispelled. Surely, there is anti-Semitism. But it isn't coming from those who favor Palestine, but from White nationalists, fascists, and bigots. That's the reality we must confront.

Mara: On this, I must agree with Ms. Rapunzel. However, I would go further. The Zionist state is not, and has never been, a democracy. That's *another* lie. It is a colonial ethnocracy, or more specifically, a settler colonist state. Canada and the U.S. are two other examples of the latter. Sure, the Jewish people have suffered a lot over the years, but that is no excuse to oppress other people! That isn't a radical thing to say. Furthermore, as the U.N. General Assembly declared in November 1975, Zionism is a "form of racism and racial discrimination." It is a racist and imperialist ideology. It should be condemned!

DB: We have another caller, from Billings, Montana. Hello! You are on the air.

Anonymous Caller #5: Thanks for accepting my call. You *all* know about the terrible, horrifying attacks by Hamas against Israel. They sparked hatred and divided people. Innocent people were hurt. We need to be the light the world needs, to lend a hand to others, to be nice, to spark love, joy, and peace. Remember that God loves us all and that Jesus is THE Lord!

Daphne was really hoping that these Zionists would stop calling in! She could barely hold herself back from exploding on national television. But she had to hold in her personal views.

DB: Ms. Rapunzel, let's start with you. What's your response to the last caller?

PR: I agree with their stance against hatred, division, violence, and call for more joy, love, and peace. While I don't share their religious inclination, I strongly believe that in order for their call to be heeded, this armed conflict needs to end. That's what NEEDS to happen!

Mara: I take a different view on this than Ms. Rapunzel. As I see it, Palestine needs to be free from the river to the sea. That goes beyond any criminal liability and accountability. The very existence of the Palestinian people is under threat. The death toll of Palestinian civilians is a form of collective punishment, illegal under international law, and is coupled with

forcible displacement of Palestinians, and systemic destruction of Palestinian culture as we know it!

PR: I'm glad we are having this discussion, even though I don't agree with everything Ms. Mara is saying. It is important to talk about these issues. I do agree with her that the situation is dire. To go build upon what I said earlier about possible ICC proceedings against Israel, countries must support South Africa's recent 84-page application beginning court proceedings before the International Court of Justice (ICJ), concerning violations of the Genocide Convention by Israel. As stated in that application, the aforementioned state has engaged in genocidal acts, including "killing Palestinians in Gaza, causing them serious bodily and mental harm, and inflicting on them conditions of life calculated to bring about their physical destruction." That application should be a guide to further legal action. The fact that Israel is coming to the ICJ, in its own defense, shows that it is giving the court legitimacy, whether it likes it or not.

Mara: And to add onto that, this genocide is paired with, as the application rightly states, a "background of apartheid, expulsion, ethnic cleansing, annexation, occupation, discrimination, and the ongoing denial of the right of the Palestinian people to self-determination"! The bloody Zionist state *must* be brought before the ICC as well. International sanctions must begin. Freeing the hostages (which are probably mostly IDF soldiers anyhow) or "defeating" Hamas was never the goal. The Zionists want to shatter Palestinian society, particularly in Gaza, into a thousand pieces, with the bombing of libraries, archives, hospitals, universities, and any other cultural or public gathering place.

DB: Ok. Let's move to our next caller, from South Fulton, Georgia. You are on the air.

Anonymous Caller #6: Thanks for accepting my call. I really appreciate this discussion this morning, even though I strongly disagree with the previous callers. Obviously, there's legal and moral obligations *toward Palestine*. People there have been denied their rights. There have been unspeakable crimes and atrocities. The U.N. seems *too weak* to act. There's resolutions which have no legal affect and permanent vetoes. What can be done to rectify the situation?

DB: I'm glad the caller brought this up because the topic of U.N. reform is a hot issue. Some want to abolish the U.N. entirely and replace it with a stronger organization which has the power to impose harsh penalties, possibly with a global parliament or world constitution. Others want peace-enforcement or organizational changes. Ms. Mara and Ms. Rapunzel, what say you?

Mara sighed. She was not a believer in simple reform of the U.N. Security Council, the U.N. Secretariat, or other organs, but wanted more changes.

Mara: Obviously, the U.N. should become a key institution of world democracy, with direct presidential election of the U.N. Secretary-General, and the U.N. General Assembly should be stronger, functioning like a world parliament. Maybe U.N. voting should be based on population. The U.N. Security Council should be a temporary institution. No state should have a permanent veto. Some institutions, like the U.N. Human Rights Council, should have more power. The U.N. headquarters should be relocated from New York to Johannesburg. After all, it's the least that can be done, with the U.S. overriding congressional review to sell

arms to the Zionist state in early and late December of last year, showing U.S. hegemonic priorities. As Cori Bush recently put it, the White House can't be calling on the Zionist state to uphold international law "while bypassing Congress to send weapons that are leading to [said] violations"!

PR: The caller makes a good point about the U.N. A change in financing in which military spending is taxed, to provide money for peacekeeping, would be great, as would the creation of U.N. organization focused on the environment, and reassessment of the entire U.N. charter. I disagree with Ms. Mara on relocation of the U.N. It could encourage U.S. withdrawal! That would be devastating to the organization and a problem for the people of the world.

Mara grumbled. She knew that the U.S. was an imperialist country, but she wanted to piggy-back off what her fellow guest was saying instead, in the interest of keeping the conversation going. Whether this was a good strategy or not was up to the listeners and watchers.

Mara: I hear what Ms. Rapunzel is saying. But the U.N. needs to have more bang for the buck. I fully support an amended U.N. Charter allowing the U.N. General Assembly to pass binding resolutions with approval from a supermajority of U.N. member states, but only when those resolutions are related to international (but not internal) affairs. While one proposal has said that the U.N. wouldn't have its own military force. I disagree with that, as a weapons expert. It should be an even stronger force, rather than one that is only for "peacekeeping." Furthermore, having any doubts referred to the U.N. court system could be another helpful step. At the same time, I strongly oppose taxation of military spending, since countries which are defending their territory need not be punished for their military budgets.

PR: Like Ms. Mara, I support organizational reform. I don't support making decisions binding since that would violate the spirit of the U.N. Charter. To come back to the issue at hand, surely, there are war crimes, crimes against humanity, and genocide committed across the world. But the U.N. can and should address these problems. There is no need to reinvent the wheel. Changes, like expanding the U.N. Security Council, with new countries, like India, Brazil, Pakistan, Turkey, and Mexico, becoming permanent members would be a vast improvement. At the same time, I agree with Ms. Mara on another point: removing the permanent veto.

DB: Let's move to our next caller, from Baltimore, Maryland. You're on the air.

Anonymous Caller #7: I was talking about it with my bros and we were debating what we can do, as Americans, to stop this reprehensible erasure of Palestinian presence, national identity, and occupation of land by illegal settlers. For those that oppose this genocide, what are *your suggestions* for ensuring it comes to an end, before it gets even worse for those in Gaza?

DB: Ms. Rapunzel, would you like to go first this time?

She nodded.

PR: Thanks, caller, for this question. For one, I'd say pushing your congressional representatives to support a ceasefire is one positive action. Another is emailing, writing, or calling the U.S. permanent representative to the U.N., Linda Thomas-Greenfield, and

requesting that the U.S. stop vetoing resolutions in the U.N. Security Council to end this conflict.

Mara: While I appreciate what Ms. Rapunzel is saying, it *isn't enough*. Pressuring Congress members to increase humanitarian aid to Gaza, and Palestinians in general, is good. But we must go further. All U.S. military and economic aid to the Zionist state *must end*. Furthermore, there should be pressure for U.S. imposition of sanctions, akin to the Comprehensive Anti-Apartheid Act against South Africa, in October 1986. Just as rogue racist states such as Ian Smith's "Rhodesia" were sanctioned by the U.N. Security Council, the same should happen today, with punitive measures against the Zionist state. This oppression *must end*.

DB: With that, let's move to our next caller, from the island of Guam. You're on the air.

Anonymous Caller #8: Thanks for accepting my call. On my island, we are dependent on the U.S. military and on money from tourists coming from Japan, Singapore, and South Korea. We only have a non-voting representative in Congress. Movement toward becoming a commonwealth is repeatedly, and flatly, ignored. Self-governance here is limited. I'm not sure how much power someone like me has to stop the murder, injury, and displacement of Palestinians or the military closures and permit system which separates the West Bank and Gaza. Your thoughts on this would be appreciated.

DB: Ms. Mara, would you like to respond to this call, first?

She nodded in agreement.

Mara: The caller brings up a good point. You could appeal to your current representative, James Moylan, who can't vote on legislation but can participate in other House functions and have floor privileges, including the ability to introduce legislation. So, what I said about pressuring Congress still applies here. However, it may be more beneficial to pressure the Unrepresented Nations and Peoples Organization, for which Guam is a member, for the State of Palestine to be added, considering previous discussion about Palestine. That is only a start, however, to stopping the ongoing genocide in Gaza, disrupting the violent settler-colonialist system (begun with the Nakba), and countering the colonial rationalization for the mass murder of thousands upon thousands of Palestinians.

PR: Just to jump in here, the U.S. treatment of Guam, as the caller describes it, violates Article 73 of the U.N. Charter, about non-self-governing territories. It is even listed, along with 16 others, across Africa, Atlantic, Caribbean, Europe, and Pacific regions, by the U.N. Special Committee on Decolonization, as it has *never* achieved a "full measure of self-government."

DB: I'd like to move onto our next caller. They are calling from Honolulu, Hawaii. You are on the air.

Anonymous Caller #9: Thanks for accepting my call. I've heard some people call Israel's actions against Palestinians in Gaza "ethnic cleansing." What's your thoughts on that?

DB: Ms. Rapunzel, would you like to respond first, this time?

She shook her head in agreement.

PR: I'd leave consideration of whether that term is applicable to this conflict to the relevant international and national bodies. Even so, there's no doubt it's a deadly armed conflict.

Mara: I have to thoroughly disagree with Ms. Rapunzel. Although it hasn't been recognized an independent crime under international law and doesn't have a precise definition, it has been defined as rendering an "area ethnically homogeneous by using force or intimidation to remove persons of given groups from the area" or a purposeful effort "designed by one ethnic or religious group to remove by violent and terror-inspiring means the civilian population of another ethnic or religious group from certain geographic areas." The latter definition is applicable here, rather than the former definition. The Zionist state does not want to make Gaza "ethnically homogeneous." They want to create conditions causing acute food, water, fuel, and medical shortages, disease outbreaks, and forced displacement, so as to "bring about…physical destruction in whole or in part" of Palestinians in Gaza. The intent for such genocidal rhetoric is clear. The South African application to the ICJ, which Ms. Rapunzel mentioned, made this clear.

DB: We have another caller, from San Francisco, California. Hi, you're on the air.

Anonymous Caller #10: Your discussion so far has been very illuminating, even if I don't agree with everything that's been said. Some mainstream media reporting has stated that Jewish people are describing themselves as victims, saying that conditions on college campuses are terrible, and saying the media is biased against them. In your view, are those claims by Jewish people within this country *accurate*? Or are they a whooped-up frenzy?

DB: I'll let you take this first, Mara.

Mara: There's no doubt that there are anti-Jewish sentiments and feelings across the United States, even on college campuses. As I noted earlier, it isn't coming from pro-Palestine folks, but from White nationalists, fascists, and bigots. That should be stopped by any means necessary. On the other hand, pro-Palestinian activists, and intellectuals, are facing threats and repercussions for criticizing Zionist crimes. If anything, the media is biased toward Zionists, not against them. This allows consent, for actions like the U.S. veto of U.N. Security Council resolutions calling on the conflict to end, to be manufactured. It is why 42% of Americans believe that military aid to the Zionist state is the "right amount," and 25% think it isn't enough! Even so, it is encouraging that the same poll shows that 31% of Americans think that the current level of aid is "too much." I am hopeful that the tide of opinion is changing toward Palestine.

PR: Surely, discrimination against Jewish people should be condemned. At the same time, it should not stop efforts to end Israeli impunity for committing international crimes for decades, with many brutal military strategies implemented. Robust action must be taken and a case against the genocide perpetrators must be brought, with post-haste, either at the ICC, or some other forum, like within the U.S. federal courts.

DB: We have one more caller, from Dillingham, Alaska. Hello, you are on the air.

Anonymous Caller #11: I was talking to my brothers this morning and we were commiserating at the horrors happening every day in Gaza. They aren't always on the TV, but I see social media messages all the time. The devastation is so horrific. You've talked about this a bit already, but what's *the next step* in holding Israel accountable for its crimes?

DB: The caller has a point. We've talked about bringing a case before the ICC, supporting the South African ICJ case, condemning Zionism, international sanctions, different degrees of U.N. reform and restructuring, ending U.S. military and economic aid, and many other possible actions today. What other steps would you like to see next?

PR: There need to be strong U.N. accountability mechanisms, either from cases before the ICC or ICJ. Whether there are sanctions or organizational reform is up to the U.N. member states to decide on their own. The same goes for ending U.S. economic and military assistance. That is up to the U.S. Congress to decide.

Mara: I agree with Ms. Rapunzel on having cases before the ICJ and ICC, which would charge the Zionist state with genocide. However, clearly that *isn't enough* to stop the horrors. There need to be sanctions, an arms embargo, applying visa and diplomatic restrictions, prohibition of arms transfers in cases of genocide, and other relevant state action, rather than depending on nongovernmental organizations. Furthermore, the Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions movement should be fully supported (regardless of any states who see it as a "threat"), as should any other actions I talked about earlier in this discussion. I thank *Washington Journal*, and Ms. Blake to be precise, for hosting this riveting discussion. I hope there are future talks on this same topic.

DB: I hope so as well, Ms. Mara. Thank you for joining. Thank you to Ms. Rapunzel as well *(she says "Your Welcome" in a response).* That is a good note to end on. That's all for *Washington Journal* today. Thank you everyone for joining us, on the phone lines, online, or watching on your television screens.

Upbeat closing music plays. Mara and Rapunzel shake heads and smile.

End Notes

For more resources, see "Readings and Resources" from Librarians and Archivists with Palestine, and Decolonize Palestine's "Myths Database". Also see the "LGBT rights in the State of Palestine" Wikipedia page (since renamed). Otherwise, some of the text was adapted from "Chair Summary of Panel Discussion on '2023 War on Gaza: The Responsibility to Prevent Genocide'" on the UNISPAL website and the Speaker Bios on the same site. As for DeLisle, she also voiced Clarice Leydoux in "Unicorn: Warriors Eternal", Chalice in "The Cuphead Show," Delilah Briarwood and Lady De Rolo in "The Legend of Vox Machina," Monster Girl in "Invincible," Kwat and Mrs. Sartori in "Kipo," Wonder Woman in DC Super Girls related media (after 2015), Madame Razz in "She-Ra and the Princesses of Power", and many other roles listed on Behind the Voice Actors.

My previous fic, "From Angry Zionists to International Popstars: Meet the Mess Discusses the Gaza War" clearly ruffled some feathers, as I received various nasty comments on here and on Tumblr from Zionists who came out of the woodwork. Rather than deterring me, this inspired me to write another fic. This time it focuses on Mandy Moore, who said she stood with Israel "now and always", to the disappointment of some fans. Although she has voiced over 20 characters, according to Behind the Voice Actors, I only know her as Rapunzel in the Tangled franchise and Mara in Tron: Uprising, and none of her other roles. Since Grey DeLisle has a more nuanced approach to the Gaza genocide (she isn't fully pro-Palestine, but she isn't a Zionist toady) on Twitter, I chose her depiction of Daphne Blake in "Scooby Doo! Mystery Incorporated!" since I'm currently watching that show (I have watched it all). Otherwise, this fic is inspired by the following stories: "Reunited Souls", "Rubble (rebel)", and "From An AO3 Soul Eater Writer 🍉", and the somewhat pro-Palestine fics by gentil-minou (Flyingsuits) on Oct. 8, 2023 and Nov. 12, 2023.

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